

# 2022 ARIZONA HOUSING FORUM

## BRIAN MICKELSEN HOUSING HERO AWARD

### Outstanding

### State Administered

### CDBG Funded Project

### HOPE HOUSE OF SEDONA

#### Challenge:

Sedona has a large lower-income tourism workforce that is a mismatch for area housing with very high median home values; the city needed a bridge. Through research with a local church, the creators of Hope House learned that at any given time there were between 20-35 homeless students in the Sedona-Oak Creek school district. Fixing that problem became their focus.

This project consisted of the acquisition of property and new construction of a transitional shelter facility for homeless families, administered by the City of Sedona and their subrecipient, Hope House of Sedona. Administration of this project was handled by NACOG, specifically Isabel Rollins, Director of Housing & CDBG Services. Undertaking new construction of a public facility with CDBG funds is substantially more burdensome than other public infrastructure improvement projects.



#### Solution:

Funding came from CDBG in the amount of \$359,170 as well as leveraged funds from Hope House of Sedona in the amount of \$300,681.

Construction was completed in May 2022 and ADOH's contract was closed out in June 2022, starting the five-year benefit period required by CDBG regulations.

#### Result:

Hope house provides transitional/bridge housing for homeless families with children in Sedona who may be living in cars and tents. Hope House was built to help.

The project has four-bedroom and three-bathroom units, and a live-in manager. It can support three families and up to a total of 10 people. Food for the kitchen is also provided. This results in a very positive impact in the lives of the students. While this effort started with the Church of the Red Rocks, it has evolved into a community-wide effort that impacts the entire community.

